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MAGRUDER et al. v. VIRGINIA-CAROLINA CHEMICAL CO.
et al.

Jan. 11, 1917.

[91 S. E. 121.]

Limitation of Actions (§ 55 (6)*)—Permanent Nuisance.—As for a permanent nuisance, the consequences of which, in the normal course of things, will continue indefinitely, like the poisoning of the waters of a stream with the acid-impregnated washing from the operation of iron mines, but one action, in which all damages past and prospective must be recovered, can be maintained, it must be brought within the period of limitations from the accrual of the cause of action.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see Limitation of Actions, Cent. Dig. § 304; Dec. Dig. § 55 (6).* 14 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 661.]

Appeal from Circuit Court, Louisa County.

Suit by H. E. Magruder and others against the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company and others. From an adverse decree, plaintiffs appeal. Affirmed.

E. H. De Jarnette, Jr., of Orange, for appellants.

Coke & Pickrell, of Richmond, *Gordon & Gordon*, of Louisa, *Jas. R. Caton*, of Alexandria, and *W. Worth Smith Jr.*, of Louisa, for appellees.

HOLLAND et al. v. VAUGHAN et al.

Jan. 11, 1917.

[91 S. E. 122.]

1. Reformation of Instruments (§ 45 (5)*)—Proceedings—Weight of Evidence—Reservation.—In action to reform a deed to insert mention of a tract of 10 acres, the facts that the deed purported to convey 75 acres more or less, and without this tract would contain about 61 acres, that upon conveyance the plaintiffs assumed control over the tract and paid taxes on it, and defendant stopped paying taxes thereon, and that the agent and attorney of defendant thought the tract was intended to be conveyed, held to entitle plaintiffs to relief.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see Reformation of Instruments, Cent. Dig. § 162; Dec. Dig. § 45 (5).* 14 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 729.]

2. Reformation of Instruments (§ 45 (5)*)—Proof Required.—If it be clearly shown by satisfactory proof that by mistake of the draftsman a writing does not truly set forth the agreement of the parties, equity will correct the mistake to conform the instrument to the real

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agreement of the parties, but such evidence, although it may be parol, must be clear and convincing.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see Reformation of Instruments, Cent. Dig. § 162; Dec. Dig. § 45 (5).* 14 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 729.]

Appeal from Circuit Court of City of Portsmouth.

Suit by E. E. Holland and others against E. M. Vaughan and another. From a decree for defendants, the complainants appeal. Reversed, with directions.

J. N. Sebrell, Jr., of Norfolk, and *R. H. Rawles*, of Suffolk, for appellants.

Jas. H. Corbitt, of Suffolk, for appellees.

BOARD OF SUP'RS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY *v.* NORFOLK &
W. RY. CO.

Sept. 11, 1916. Rehearing Denied Nov. 23, 1916.

[91 S. E. 124.]

1. Highways (§ 21*)—Establishment—Width—Statutes.—Neither Act March 8, 1847 (Acts 1846-47, c. 100), providing that the road therein directed to be constructed should nowhere exceed a grade of four degrees and should not be more than 22 feet wide or less than 12 feet wide, nor Act Jan. 17, 1848 (Acts 1847-48, c. 143), Act March 7, 1849 (Acts 1848-49, c. 144), Act March 2, 1853 (Acts 1852-53, c. 86), directing the construction and completion of the first link in a turnpike, nor Act Jan. 30, 1850 (Acts 1849-50, c. 92), and Act Feb. 16, 1853 (Act 1852-53, c. 93), directing the construction and completion of the second link in such turnpike, of themselves established or located the turnpike or public road contemplated thereby, or fixed the width thereof, but merely controlled the wide discretion of the board of public works under Code 1849, c. 70, §§ 1, 2, when it came to take the land for the location of and the construction of the road.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see Highways, Cent. Dig. § 37; Dec. Dig. § 21.* 12 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 871.]

2. Evidence (§ 54*)—Presumption—Lost Record.—The court will not presume the existence of facts merely because records have been lost or destroyed; as such loss or destruction gives rise to no presumption.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see Evidence, Cent. Dig. § 74; Dec. Dig. § 54.* 9 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 479.]

3. Evidence (§ 178 (3)*)—Loss of Records—Secondary Evidence.—The loss or destruction of records has the effect merely of changing

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